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2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

- Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g).

3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(2) of \$ 1640.00 (Fee Code 1558) must be paid as a condition of accepting unintentionally delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

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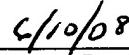
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8. STATEMENT

The delay in payment of the maintenance fee to this patent was unintentional.

9. PETITIONER(S) REQUEST THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE
ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.


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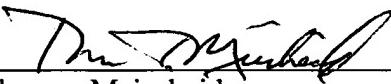
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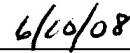
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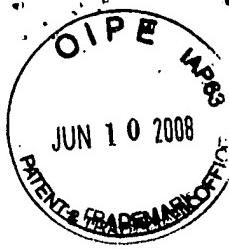


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Alice P. Gast
President

Date: March 19, 2007

cc: Mohamed S. El-Aasser